



NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Road Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Thursday 5th October 2023, at Copsale Village Hall, commencing after the Planning Meeting as there were no members of the public present.

PRESENT: Cllr C Kenny (Chair), Cllr N Bryant, Cllr K McGovern, Cllr W Bayley.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Dennis Livingstone, Lisa Wilcock (Locum Clerk), 0 members of the public.

01-23/24 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr V Court, Cllr S Catterall gave their apologies in advance of the meeting.

02-23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest, as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils Code of Conduct.

03-23/24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Notes from 2nd February 2023 were approved and signed.

04-23/24 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

05-23/24 PUBLIC SESSION

None.

06-23/24 DRAINAGE

6.1 To address the progress made on the blocked drains within the Parish. To **agree** a way forward to ensure that all drains are unblocked.

The Clerk reported that the 2 drains raised at the last Parish Council meeting were reported to WSCC via the portal but a note was issued along with the report that the drains along the whole highway were blocked. It was **agreed** that Cllr McGovern would update the Facebook page with advice to residents on how to report blocked drains as it was evident that the issue is Parish wide.

6.2 To discuss CIL money and whether it is available for use to improve drainage systems. CIL money is available.

The Clerk reported that she had asked for an up-to-date CIL/S106 report from HDC and she would distribute this via email to the Councillor upon receipt.

07 – 23/24 INFRASTRUCTURE

Noted that the Clerk has arranged for a WSCC Project Manager to meet with 3 Councillors to discuss Highways issues both within and that affect traffic into the Parish.

7.1 CROSSING AT MANNINGS HEATH

Area of concern along across South East section of Highway near Elite garage in Mannings Heath between Pound Lane and Elite garage.

1. Safe crossing to be advised to ensure the safety of footfall to Village shop, post office
2. Children safety crossing this section of road is of concern
3. Traffic calming adjustments required
4. Speed reduction in area

7.2 CROSSING AT MONKS GATE

Area of concern is at the crossing at Monks Gate, noted there is a bend in the road and a bus stop either side of the highway.

1. Safety to pedestrians crossing the road is of concern
2. Trees hedges are very overgrown which adds to the lack of visibility when using the highway.
3. Speed limits to be addressed as part of the safety concern.

It was at this point in the meeting that hedges were noted as an issue throughout the Parish.

7.3 CHAMPIONS GATE

Area of concern is the A272 at Littleworth Lane and Maplehurst Road junctions. *Noted that neighbouring Parishes are West Grinstead and Cowfold.*

1. Safety is an issue as there is poor visibility at junction due to overgrown foliage.
2. Speed of traffic is dangerous and very fast as the area has become busier due to local housing increase.
3. St Andrews School which generates high traffic build up due to parking to allow children into school, the safety of the children's access to school gates are of concern due to the build-up of parking along both sides of the highway.
4. Application to erect a School advisory speed limit sign was discussed previously and the Parish Council would like to action this.

7.4 MEETING WSCC

It was **agreed** that Cllrs Bryant, Bayley and Kenny would be part of this informal working party to meet with WSCC Highways and report back at the next meeting.

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING
2nd November 2023

The meeting closed at 2016hrs

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Chairman of the Committee

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Date